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FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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AMEMBASSY MASERU

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : PFOR GV LT

SUBJECT : ALLEGATION OF FALSE US REPORT TO LESOTHO GOV'T  
REGARDING WOULD-BE ASSASSINS OF LESOTHO PRIME  
MINISTER

1. CHIEF OF PRESS SECTION AND EUR AFFAIRS AT GUINEAN FONOFF  
BAIDY KEITA, PHONED EMBASSY MAY 3 TO REQUEST MEETING WITH  
EMBOFF. AT MEETING AT FONOFF KEITA RECOUNTED FOLLOWING  
STORY, BASED ON LETTER FRON GUINEA'S UN PERMREP, MME. CISSE:  
AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST LESOTHO PRIMIN, INVOLVING  
LETTER BOMB, TOOK PLACE RECENTLY. SUSPECTED PERPETRATORS  
FLED, WERE REFUSED EXILE IN TANZANIA, THEN REPORTEDLY FLED  
TO GUINEA. WHEN LESOTHO AMB TO UN INFORMED MME. CISSE OF  
ABOVE, SHE ASKED FOR SOURCE. LESOTHO AMB EXCHANGED TELE-  
GRAMS WITH MASERU, THEN REPORTED TO MME. CISSE THAT "AN  
AMERICAN OFFICIAL" HAD TOLD LESOTHO GOV'T THAT PLOTTERS  
WERE IN GUINEA.

2. KEITA SAID PRESIDENT TOURE HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO INFORM  
US OF ABOVE, THEN FOLLOW WITH NOTE TO EMBASSY AND TO LESOTHO  
GOV'T DENYING REPORT. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY VERY  
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MUCH APPRECIATED CONTINUING POLICY OF INFORMING EMBASSY OF

SUCH APPARENTLY FALSE REPORTS INVOLVING USG. EMBOFF SAID EMBASSY CONAKRY HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY LESOTHO EXILES IN GUINEA, AND WOULD INQUIRE OF DEPT AND EMBASSY MASERU REGARDING ABOVE ALLEGATIONS. EMBOFF OFFERED PERSONAL OPINION THAT REPORTED AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY, AND KEITA QUICKLY AGREED.

3. REQUEST ANY INFO AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES REGARDING ABOVE INCIDENT. BELIEVE THAT IF REPLY APPROPRIATELY TO FORTH-COMING GUINEA NOTE, MATTER WILL BE DROPPED. KEITA'S TONE DURING MEETING WAS ALMOST APOLOGETIC, AND SEE LITTLE CHANCE STORY WILL CIRCULATE PUBLICLY HERE.

4. KEITA SAID FONMIN CISSOKO AWARE OF Cisse REPORT ON ABOVE INCIDENT, BUT DID NOT THINK CISSOKO WOULD RAISE MATTER DURING CURRENT TRIP TO US.  
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